

II. OBJECTIVES

The changes to the Implementation Agreement over the years reflect lessons learned for implementation, modifications to the SNPLMA, changing circumstances due to the growth and expansion of the SNPLMA program, and the integration of implementation of FLTFA into the SNPLMA nomination and approval process.

The objectives of the Implementation Agreement are to:

- Establish policies, procedures, and business rules for implementation of the SNPLMA, as amended, and the FLTFA in order to ensure the expenditure of the Special Accounts in a manner that is consistent with the SNPLMA and FLTFA which includes ensuring tangible results;
- Clarify the respective roles of the Federal agencies, the State of Nevada, local and regional governmental entities throughout Nevada, and interested parties in order that they might work together effectively to implement the SNPLMA (as amended) and FLTFA;
- Effectively involve the eligible Federal agencies, State of Nevada, local and regional governmental entities, and interested parties in the process of assembling the recommendation to the Secretaries for expenditure of funds in the Special Accounts;

III. ORGANIZATION, RESPONSIBILITIES AND RELATIONSHIPS

Secretary, United States Department of the Interior

The Secretary of the Interior is charged with implementation of the SNPLMA, and the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture are jointly charged with implementation of the FLTFA. In September 2000, the Secretary of the Interior assigned the responsibility for implementing the SNPLMA to the Bureau of Land Management, and the FLTFA MOU assigns national responsibility for implementing the FLTFA. The Secretary of the Interior has maintained approval authority over the expenditure of the SNPLMA Account, and the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture have jointly maintained approval authority over the expenditure of the FLTFA Account. However, the Secretaries may, at their discretion, delegate this approval authority to others. The Secretary of the Interior has delegated authority for implementation of the SNPLMA to the Bureau of Land Management; approval of the annual implementation budget is delegated to the BLM Nevada State Director who also serves as the Chairman of the SNPLMA Executive Committee.

Bureau of Land Management Nevada State Office (NSO)

The BLM Nevada State Office (NSO), manages certain implementation activities for the SNPLMA and FLTFA in Nevada. The role of the NSO is to: